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LATIVE YUAN

1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: IN HIS SEPTEMBER 17 PRESENTATION OF THE ORAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND HIS ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO EMPHASIZED THAT THE ROC "WILL NEVER MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS" NOR "USE NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR ANY NON-PEACFUL PURPOSE", STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED US/ROC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND REAFFIRMED TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLES THAT THE ROC REPRESENTS ALL OF CHINA AND WILL NEVER NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRC. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ORAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND THE PREMIER'S "LIVE" ADDRESS, BASED ON WRITTEN TEXT OF THE ORAL REPORT AND NOTES TAKEN BY EMBASSY OBSERVERS PRESENT:

A. ROC NUCLEAR INTENT: THE PREMIER DREW THE ATTENTION OF HIS AUDIENCE TO THE WRITTEN TEXT OF THE ORAL REPORT AND READ THEREFROM: "I WANT TO REITERATE HERE THAT WE WILL ALWAYS INSIST ON THE PRINCIPLE OF USING ATOMIC ENERGY ONLY FOR  
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PEACEFUL PURPOSES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PEOPLE. WE HAVE

ADHERED TO THIS POLICY FOR A LONG TIME. RECENTLY, THERE WERE INCORRECT REPORTS THAT WE HAD REPROCESSED OUR NUCLEAR FUEL FOR EXPERIMENTS IN OTHER USES. THIS RUMOR AROSE FROM THE IGNORANCE OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL POLICY. I AM SURE THIS MIS-UNDERSTANDING WILL EVAPORATE BEFORE FACTS. IN SHORT, WE WILL NEVER MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. NOR WILL WE USE NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR ANY NON-PEACEFUL PURPOSES". THE PREMIER THEN COMMENTED THAT BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRATORS ARE ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE ROC/US RELATIONS BY SPREADING RUMORS ON THE ROC'S MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE EXECUTIVE YUAN YESTERDAY AGAIN REITERATED THE ROC'S STAND AND DETERMINATION NOT TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

B. US/ROC RELATIONS: THE PREMIER NOTED THE "LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE SIGNING OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. MUST KNOW THAT THE ROC IS A DEPENDABLE AND FAITHFUL ALLY AND THAT ONLY A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC CHINA CAN ASSURE PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA. THE ALLIANCE IS IN THE BASIC INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND ALL OTHER IMPRACTICAL ASSURANCES ARE USELESS. SINCE NIXON'S 1972 VISIT TO THE PRC, HE ADDED, A SHADOW HAS BEEN CAST ON US/ROC RELATIONS AND U.S. ALLIES' CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. HAS BEEN SHAKEN. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK, HE CONCLUDED, WHAT HAS THE U.S. GAINED FROM ITS DEALINGS WITH THE PRC?

C. CHINA: THE PREMIER NOTED THE PRESENT POWER STRUGGLE ON THE MAINLAND AND SAID THE ROC WOULD INTENSIFY ITS OPERATIONS BEHIND THE ENEMY LINE, ACHIEVING ITS GOAL BY 70 PERCENT POLITICAL AND THIRTY PERCENT MILITARY EFFORT. THE ROC, HE SAID, WOULD NEVER ENTER INTO CONTACTS WITH THE PRC. IT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE" OF ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT "THE ROC REPRESENTS ALL OF CHINA". THE ROC WILL NOT GIVE UP QUEMOY AND MATSU.

3. COMMENT: AS IN THE PAST, THE PREMIER'S ACTUAL ADDRESS DID NOT FOLLOW CLOSELY THE ADVANCE TEXT OF THE ORAL REPORT. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THE PREMIER BROKE NO NEW GROUND IN HIS ADDRESS. HOWEVER, HIS FLAT REJECTION OF CONTACTS WITH THE PRC AND HIS REAFFIRMATION OF THE ROC'S CLAIM TO REPRESENT CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL OF CHINA SUGGEST THAT HE MAY HAVE CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO SQUELCH, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, SUGGESTIONS BY AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND SCHOLARS, AS WELL AS BY SOME WITHIN THE ROC ITSELF, THAT THE ROC ADOPT A SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE POLICY. HIS STATEMENT RENOUNCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS CLEARLY DIRECTED TO THE AMERICAN AUDIENCE.  
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